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SUBJECT: **Notice of Annual Adjustment to Permit Application Fees**
(For Commission information only)

Notice

Effective January 1, 2006, the Commission's permit application fees will be increased by 40 percent. This increase is due to an annual calculation of fees required by the Commission's regulations.

Background

In 2004, after a detailed study and public hearings, the Commission amended Appendix M to its regulations to increase its permit application fees by a factor of 3.2. This increase brought the Commission's fees more in line with application fees charged by other state and local agencies and satisfied a requirement of the Legislature that BCDC's fees generate revenue totaling approximately 20 percent of BCDC's total regulatory program costs.

The Commission's regulations include a formula for an annual adjustment of the permit fees based on the revenue actually generated in the prior fiscal year and the total program costs as established by the Commission's annual budget. If the revenue collected is less than 20 percent of the program costs, the fees must be increased; if the revenue collected is more than 20 percent of the program costs, the fees must be decreased. Annual fluctuations in fees are expected. All of the Commission's fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

In FY 04-05, the Commission collected approximately \$167,478 under the adopted application fee schedule. This amount is less than 20 percent of the \$1,944,135 cost for the regulatory program in FY 05-06. In order to generate a projected 20 percent of the total regulatory program costs, the fees must be increased by approximately 40 percent for the coming calendar year as shown below. The new schedule of fees will apply to any application received on or after January 1, 2006, for a period of at least one year.



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Commission Permit Application Fees

New Fees Effective January 1, 2006

Type of Permit Application	Current Fee	New Fee
Abbreviated Regionwide Permit	\$160	\$220
Regionwide Permit	\$320	\$450
First Time Extension for any permit	\$160	\$220
Non-material Amendment to permit, including Subsequent Time Extension	\$320	\$450
Material Amendment to permit	Same as for first time application	
Material Amendment to application	Seventy-five percent(75%) of original application fee	
Emergency Permit	Same as for project as if not an emergency	
Minor Permit with a total project cost (TPC) of:		
(1) less than \$300,000	\$480	\$670
(2) \$300,000 to \$10 million	0.16% of TPC	0.22% of TPC*
(3) more than \$10 million	\$16,000	\$22,400
Major Permit with a total project cost (TPC) of:		
(1) less than \$250,000	\$800	\$1,100
(2) \$250,000 to \$10 million	0.32% of TPC	0.45% of TPC*
(3) more than \$10 million	\$32,000	\$44,800

* = Total Project Costs